Law to contain communal riots

†3001. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to bring a Bill to tackle the communal riots effectively; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) A Bill to enact a comprehensive law to deal with communal violence in the country is under preparation. The proposed enactment would, *inter-alia,* provide for more stringent punishments for dealing with offences relating to communal violence/acts, wherever required, relief and rehabilitation of riot victims and speedy trial and disposal of cases through Special Courts etc.

Replacing IPC with Cr.PC

†3002. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IPC and Cr.PC framed by British are still existing;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to replace Cr.PC and IPC in toto in the changing scenario;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and the Indian Penal Code, 1860 are being amended as and when need arises, on the basis of the recommendations of the Law Commission of India or other special Committees set up for the purpose. The Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 1994 which has 49 clauses and was introduced in the Rajya Sabha is based on the recommendations made by the Law Commission, National Police Commission and other agencies. The thrust areas of the Bill are:—

(i) Toning up the investigative machinery and process;

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